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Dear Peter, for all, 4/27/75

If Ted's concern for my health infected the rest of you, I send these assurances that my recovery is well begun. And how that this can't reach you until after your meeting is over, I tell you that I was much sicker than I let any of you know. My fever was 102 before I left for the press conference.

I knew Thursday it would be impossible for me to read the speech I'd prepared and I did that night ask Jim to read it. I was prepared for what he could not be as well prepared for, confrontation on all the points and inferences I made. I had enough documentation with me and more than enough in my head. The catalogue of horrors in that speech is modest compared with the record and realities.

I am interested in how Jim was switched to last instead of following Lane, second, and why the videotape was turned off as soon as he started to read.

My return was uneventful and no more uncomfortable than staying in New York. As I was certain, a Maryland student met the train, with a firmed to drive my car. There was medical concern about how safe it would be for me to drive.

Student medicine was quite effective. I'd not been able to finish a piece of toast yesterday morning but after sipping the bottle of beer they gave me for 60 miles my stomach apparently improved. Last evening I could hold down some plain crackers and cream cheese and this morning I enjoyed an orange and an egg.

The only immediate problem is that what medication requires gives me diarrhea. In order to keep my ulcer from making strong complaint over the antibiotic, I have to take much milk with it and that runs the hell out of me.

However, my fever is down, the local doctor I consulted by phone sees no need for hospitalization, my own doctor will be back tomorrow and he'll probably go over me thereafter. I'm told I'll be quite weak for a while and not to do what will increase this weakness. Typing apparently doesn't.

So, it looks like with time I'll be back to normal. I don't know how long I'll have to sleep sitting up but I had the first painless night last night thanks to an old, worn-out recliner I have. The hotel chair was too small, with no back support.

If you do not know it, the reason I accepted your invitation, asked to be a keynoter and went through with the press conference was to get you off to a good start, to begin the recapture of credibility, to show your generation that a responsible course can succeed, and to give the Manhattan press a chance to confront or question one of us who really knows the subject and is not prone to self-promotion.

I was pretty foggy during the conference. There was but one reporter in the room I'd ever met before. He is well aware of how thoroughly I document everything and had a long story based on one of my files killed by his national desk. I do not expect whatever he filed to be used and certainly not until after a high policy rather than an editorial decision. But I do expect his stuff to be kept on file.

Because you said you had heard a favorable newscast on WCBS when I returned to the hotel I kept an old little radio I'd brought tuned to that station. I don't think there was an hour until after daylight Saturday that they did not have an item, a different one each time. While I do not know what other coverage there was, I do regard this as significant for that ownership and New York. Not once was there any nastiness, in the broadcasts or as you should have noticed, in the conference itself. This also is new. I do hope you and your colleagues will do the simple arithmetic. And learn. It is the only way and I regard it as our major obligation. As my speech said.

Jim took me to the train. He told me a little of the insanity and self-seeking to which you were subjected. One in particular amused him, Wecht's back-thumping over getting the "Memorandum of Transfer." As Jim knew it was not merely that the Archives was kind or feared Cyril. He had taken the initial steps for me toward filing a suit. I have been trying to get that since 1968. It had been given to me several years ago, long before Cyril was ever in the Archives, and then intercepted, following which it was again refused. This time the government did not dare another of my suits so they gave it to me and to all who asked for it thereafter. They were anxious for Cyril to have it because his misinterpretation was a certainty. He was wrong on everything, including Evelyn Lincoln, who was never Bobby's secretary. But how many have any way of knowing this?

As by now you have heard, cui bono?

Four hours ago I had to stop. I was feeling it. I don't recall other things I intended to mention to you except two:

The national UPI radio wire carried a press conference story. Because of it a friend with Mutual called me and they had an item Saturday morning. It also was nationwide. So, if the print press coverage was as small as I anticipate, electronic coverage seems to have been pretty good. With all those tape recorders there must have been a number of New York stations that intended coverage.

I also want to thank you for your concern and for the paying of the first medical bill and the offer to pay the second. Ted did pay the first and did say the second would be piad. If there is any change, please lte me know for I will then pay the doctor. I did not have enough money with me nor did he or I have a blank check. I gave Jim his card and the balance due him,$105.00. He is Dr. Luis Mizray, 120 W 44, 10036. Particularly because the pneumonia was not your fault and had to be something that had been developing for a while do I appreciate this. On the other hand, of course, id I had not gone to your affair I would have had none of those expenses because I have local only medical coverage.

I knew there would have to be opposition to some of what I said. It is, however, entirely factual and strongly understated. The situation really is that bad. If you have any doubts about this you already have evidence, the new Rockefeller Commission/ Belin autopsy whitewash focused narrowly on the drama of the film rather than the irrefutable fact I've long had in a definitive book. The "results" have been leaked already. I did not know this when I addressed Belin at the outset. But I did know some had been done and did feel certain that more would be.

I do not remember the name of Congressman Hunter's staffer who was there. If I remain as I am now I'll not be moving around much but I can talk to him. He said he wanted to come here. Please, if you can reach him, extend my more lucid invitation. I am scheduled for court appearances on Wednesday and Friday, 4/30 and 5/2, but do not know if I'll be up to them. The only other expectable reasons for leaving will be to see a local doctor or have more tests and checks made. I'll not know this until tomorrow. This will be in the mail before I can know.

Thanks for everything,